

Hamilton Field, Warehouse Type F
(Facility Nos. 727, 728;
Disposal and Salvage Warehouse)
Aberdeen Road north of Skeet Range Road
Novato
Marin County
California

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Location: Hamilton Army Air Field
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U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

Significance:

Buildings 727 and 728 are considered significant for their association with Air Force history in northern California, and with World War II actions in the Pacific Theater. These two warehouses, built for use by the Quartermaster's Office, are examples of World War II frame construction. Although dilapidated, these buildings contribute to the cohesiveness of the Hamilton Army Air Field Historic District and to the overall sense of time and place present on base.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

Description:

These two temporary warehouses were constructed during World War II. They are of frame construction, rectangular in shape, with slightly curved roofs, and concrete floors and foundations. They measure 48 feet by 80 feet. The siding is horizontal board covered with asbestos shingles. The warehouses have one or two frontal bays and sets of multi-pane metal sash windows. A concrete loading dock extends along the front of both buildings and connects the area between them.

Historical Context:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section 8 in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

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These two warehouses were completed in 1943 for a cost of \$12,961.00 each. Built for use by the Quartermaster's Corps, they were disposal and salvage warehouses in 1966 but originally were used to store small arms.

Sources:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

See the project Field Record, roll 16, exposures 3-10.

Project Information:

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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